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## Antofagasta plc

### TR-1: NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

1. Identity of the issuer or the underlying issuer of existing shares to which voting rights are attached:

ANTOFAGASTA PLC ORD

2. Reason for the notification (please tick the appropriate box or boxes)

An acquisition or disposal of voting rights:  [ X ]

An acquisition or disposal of financial instruments which may result in the acquisition of shares already issued to which voting rights are attached:  [ ]

An event changing the breakdown of voting rights:  [ ]

Other (please specify):  [ ]

3. Full name of person(s) subject to the notification obligation:

AXA S.A. 25 Avenue Matignon, 75008 Paris and its group of companies

4. Full name of shareholder(s) (if different from 3.):

N/A

5. Date of the transaction (and date on which the threshold is crossed or reached if different):

16/03/2009

6. Date on which issuer notified:

17/03/09

7. Threshold(s) that is/are crossed or reached:

5%

8. Notified details:

A: Voting rights attached to shares

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Situation previous to the Triggering transaction

| Class/type of shares<br>if possible using the ISIN CODE | Number of Shares | Number of Voting Rights |
|---|------------------|-------------------------|
| 0045614   | 54,143,985       | 54,143,985              |

Resulting situation after the triggering transaction

| Class/type of shares<br>if possible using the ISIN CODE | Number<br>of shares | Number of voting rights |            | % of voting rights |          |
|---|---------------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|----------|
|   |                     | Direct                  | Indirect   | Direct             | Indirect |
| 0045614   | 3,905,413           | 3,905,413               | 47,506,475 | 0.40               | 4.82     |

**B: Financial Instruments**

Resulting situation after the triggering transaction

| Type of financial instrument | Expiration date | Exercise/<br>Conversion<br>Period/ Date | Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised/converted. | % of voting rights |
|------------------------------|-----------------|---|--|--------------------|
| N/A                          |                 |   |  |                    |

Total (A+B)

| Number of voting rights | % of voting rights |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 51,411,888              | 5.21%              |

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## 9. Chain

| Name of the Company/Fund              | Number of Shares  | % of issued share capital |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Alliance Capital Management<br>Direct | <b>531,300</b>    | 0.05389                   |
| AXA<br>Direct                         | <b>832,339</b>    | 0.08443                   |
| AXA Financial, Inc<br>Indirect        | <b>47,101,378</b> | 4.77771                   |
| AXA Framlington<br>Indirect           | <b>15,250</b>     | 0.00155                   |
| AXA France<br>Indirect                | <b>77,847</b>     | 0.007896381               |
| AXA IM UK<br>Direct                   | <b>2,328,548</b>  | 0.24                      |
| AXA IM UK<br>Indirect                 | <b>254,000</b>    | 0.025764394               |
| AXA Rosenberg<br>Indirect             | <b>58,000</b>     | 0.005883208               |
| AXA Winterthur<br>Direct              | <b>213,226</b>    | 0.021628498               |
|                                       |                   |                           |
| Total Direct                          | <b>3,905,413</b>  | 0.39614                   |
| Total Indirect                        | <b>47,506,475</b> | 4.81880                   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                          | <b>51,411,888</b> | 5.21495                   |

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Proxy Voting:

10. Name of the proxy holder:

N/A

11. Number of voting rights proxy holder will cease to hold:

N/A

12. Date on which proxy holder will cease to hold voting rights:

N/A

13. Additional information:

N/A

14. Contact name:

Kyere Tabiri

15. Contact telephone number:

020 7003 1510